

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 28, 2005**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Alice M. Dowdin presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members Present:** Alice M. Dowdin, Kevin Hanley, J. M. Holmes, Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder

**Council Members Absent:** None

By **MOTION** adjourn to a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8: **MOTION: Without Objection**

**CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Property: Lots 13 and 14 at Auburn Industrial Park

Agency negotiator: City Manager Robert Richardson

Negotiating parties: Nella Oil

Under negotiation: Instruction to negotiator concerning price and or terms of payment

By **MOTION** adjourn to closed session pursuant to Government CodeSection 54957.6: **MOTION: Without Objection**

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency designated representatives: City Manager Robert  
Richardson

Employee organization: All City employee bargaining units

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Dowdin announced that there was nothing to report.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Charles Wachob, Community Development Director Will Wong, Airport

Manager Jerry Marrtin, Public Works Director Charles Clark, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Solomon

## **MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor's Proclamation: National Boys & Girls Club Week

Mayor Dowdin advised that at the time of the next council meeting, April 9, 2005, she and Council Member Holmes will be in Washington, D.C. on the Cap-to-Cap trip. She asked that the date of the Council meeting be changed to April 18, 2005. No formal action was necessary. Council agreed without objection.

Mayor Dowdin announced that Council Member Synder, Fire Chief D'Ambrogi and she met with Senator Dave Cox to talk about fire safety in Auburn. The senator wants to do whatever he can to help support us in our efforts to obtain additional grants or any other kinds of efforts the city many undertake.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

No changes were requested.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 05-32** approve Warrants #50925 through 59700 totaling \$1,369,240.81.

### **2. Council Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of January 10, 24 and February 14, 2005.

### **3. Janitorial Services – Auburn Multimodal Station**

Item follows consent calendar. Removed by Bob Snyder.

4. **Fire Dispatch Contract with California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection 2004-2007**

By **RESOLUTION 05-34** authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Fire Dispatch Agreement with California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection for Fiscal Years 2004-2007.

5. **Urban Streams Amendment 1 – Extension of Grant**

By **RESOLUTION 05-35** authorize the Special Projects Director to sign and execute on behalf of the City of Auburn Amendment 1 for the Urban Streams Grant Agreement – Lincoln Creek, Auburn School Park Preserve Project.

6. **Corporation Yard Improvements**

By **RESOLUTION 05-36** award a construction contract to make improvements to the City Corporation Yard.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Agenda \*\*\*\*\*

**MOTION** to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 3.  
**MOTION: Holmes/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0**

7. **Janitorial Services – Auburn Multimodal Station**

Council Member Snyder asked, regarding the minimum limits of insurance, asked for clarification on what the city was requesting. City Attorney Wachob explained that some of the limits of coverage were reduced. Snyder further stated that he opposed the five one-year extensions in the contract because he did not that much time to pass in between bids. He suggested only two years in extensions.

By **RESOLUTION 05-33** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute an agreement with Lavender Rose Cleaning Services for janitorial services at the Auburn Multimodal Station. **MOTION: Snyder/Dowdin/ Approved 5:0**

**MOTION TO AMEND** the motion to modify the agreement to allow for two one-year extensions instead of five one-year extensions. **MOTION: Snyder/Holmes/Approved by Voice**

8. **Public Comment**

Ralph Roper, 230 Electric Street, Auburn, spoke regarding the homeless people. He stated that they are making a mess in the city and something should be done about it.

Council Member Holmes referred to the City Council Rules and Procedures and stated that it is in need of an update, specifically in regard to committees and commissions. Mayor Dowdin stated that adding a corrected listing should suffice. Holmes agreed.

Holmes suggested that he would support a City Council Commendation with a vote of the entire Council to deserving persons or groups. Mayor Dowdin suggested he work with staff to prepare something to his liking. Council Member Holmes agreed.

Council Member Keith Nesbitt would like to see future developers designate spaces for electric vehicles.

City Clerk Joe Labrie presented an informational item on ways to identify a stroke victim.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **Community Development Block Grant Application**

Community Development Director Will Wong introduced the item. He advised that there was a revision provided to each Council Member due to some minor changes required by the grant application. He stated Staff fully supported the block grant application. Council discussion followed.

Randy Tooker, Director of Operations for the Boys & Girls Club, stated that the grant is needed to expand the program to where it was previously and even further.

By **RESOLUTION 05-37** approve an application and contract execution for funding from the General allocation of the state Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and authorize the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of this grant. **MOTION: Snyder/Holmes/**  
**Approved 5:0**

## **REPORTS**

### **10. Informational Reports from Staff**

- A. Airport Manager Jerry Martin presented his quarterly report to the Council. He summarized an “airport vision” that he developed in conjunction with the Airport Advisory Committee.
- B. Public Works Director Charles Clark presented his quarterly report to the Council. He gave a brief synopsis stating that they are working on eight capital projects in various phases. There are an additional twenty-five projects that are in the CIP, still in backlog. They are also working on twelve residential subdivisions, nine commercial development and improvement projects. He further reported on the corporation yard undertakings and wastewater treatment plant operations.

### **11. City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Snyder invited everyone to the meeting of the Auburn Aviation Association and pot luck dinner on the first Wednesday of each month.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Traffic Committee.

Council Member Holmes stated that Economic Development Commission will be taking a look at its mission and role and how it may be improved.

Mayor Dowdin stated that the bill that would create a new license plate for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy is moving through the process.

**RECESS** Mayor Dowdin called a five minute recess.

**MEETING RECONVENED** by Mayor Dowdin.

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **12. Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Committee**

Mayor Dowdin introduced the item as suggested by Council Member Snyder, who Chairs the committee. Dowdin stated that Bruce Cosgrove, representing the Chamber, was there to bring the Council up to speed on the committee’s efforts. The Council could then make certain that both the City and the Chamber were working together in the same manner to make certain that economic development continues to be properly promoted

Mr. Cosgrove addressed the Council to introduce an expanded program of the chamber and invite the city to formally be a part of the process. The chamber will utilize an Economic Development Task Force with a varied make-up of community membership to look at economic development opportunities. The task force will look at those opportunities from the perspectives of the business, development, banking and real estate communities.

13. **Planning Commission Appointment**

Council Member Snyder stated that he has been training Nancy Thompson for the past months and she is ready to assume her duties. He expressed his appreciation to Annabell McCord for allowing her term to be extended and for passing on her knowledge and experience.

By **RESOLUTION 05-38** confirm the Planning Commission appointment of Nancy Thompson by Council Member Bob Snyder. **Motion: Snyder/ Nomination Ratified 5:0**

14. **Ordinance Amendment – Parking Restrictions- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

By **ORDINANCE 05-6** approve ordinance amendment extending parking on the city streets for recreational vehicles. **MOTION; Holmes/Hanley/ Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

15. **Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled or Inoperative Vehicles – Definitions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Richard Sanborn, Auburn resident, stated that vehicles parked on private property, licensed, but non-operational, should not be included.

By **ORDINANCE 05-7** approve ordinance amendment regarding abandoned, inoperative, dismantled and non-operational vehicles. **MOTION: Nesbitt/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

16. **Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled or Inoperative Vehicles Penalty – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Richard Sanborn, Auburn resident, stated that the reason he is concerned about the difference between a minimum and maximum penalty. He felt a \$500 fine and county jail time to be much too severe for a licensed, non-operating vehicle on one's own property.

By **ORDINANCE 05-5** approve ordinance amendment regarding a penalty for violation of the Code Section for Abandoned, Wrecked, Dismantled or Inoperative Vehicles. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

Second reading by title only by City Attorney Charles Wachob.

17. **Administrative Fees for Animal Violations – Infractions**  
(Item continued from March 14, 2005)

Code Enforcement Officer Jennifer Solomon introduced the item. She stated that Municipal Code has always had restrictions on animals, which will remain unchanged. However, there are costs incurred with the time involved by the officers. Therefore, after researching other public entities, the suggested fees are minimal and very reasonable by comparison to other cities.

By **RESOLUTION 05-39** establish administrative fees for animal infractions. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dowdin adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Alice M. Dowdin, Mayor

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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Transcribed by Deputy City Clerk  
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